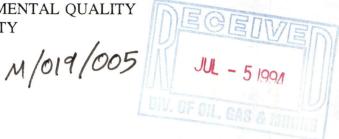


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June 28, 1994



Mr. Eric York General Manager Moab Salt, Inc. P.O. Box 1208 Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Conceptual Water Control Plan and

Outstanding Water Quality Issues Related to Large Mine Permit

Application.

Dear Mr. York:

It has been brought to our attention by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) that a Conceptual Water Control Plan was required as a stipulation to your large mine permit application, administered by DOGM, and that this Plan remains outstanding as of this date.

Review of our files shows a Moab Salt submittal of October 11, 1990 wherein, it was agreed by both Moab Salt and the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) that a leak detection technique was to be tested for the salt evaporation ponds at your facility, with the hopes of preventing losses of salt brine to the environment and maximization of salt resource recovery. As we agreed previously, if this technique was found successful, it was to be implemented by Moab Salt as a part of the regular operation and maintenance of the ponds.

Since this time we have not received any information from Moab Salt regarding the results of this testing. This letter constitutes a formal request for this information.

Several other technical issues were cited in your October 11, 1990 letter relevant to the Conceptual Water Control Plan. We suggest we begin an open dialog to resolve these issues. We request that a joint meeting be scheduled within the next 60 days between Moab Salt and both DWQ and DOGM.

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If you have any questions or comments, please call Steve McNeal at 538-6146. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred C. Pehrson, P.E., Manager

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